

who have answered their call to duty. Their organization, determination, and work on behalf of our military are an example for every citizen of the United States of America. Their own call to the duty of volunteerism represents compassion and caring through organization. As our soldiers carry out their mission in Iraq, those last acts of generosity, kindness, support and love will be remembered as our troop's face what may be the most difficult time in their lives.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Community Foundation, March Canteen, Harvest Christian Fellowship and others have shown their patriotism and I am proud of the work they have done for our troops. I am honored to have such dedicated community organizations in my congressional district as well as a military base that contributes to the national security of our country and the liberation of the Iraqi people.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GERARD F. DOHERTY TO THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 27, 2003*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gerard F. Doherty, a distinguished resident of the 8th Congressional District. Mr. Doherty is a graduate of Malden Catholic High School and Harvard College. He earned a Masters Degree in Health Administration at Wayne University and a Law Degree from Suffolk University.

Gerard Doherty's involvement in state politics began in 1957 as a member of the Massachusetts' House of Representatives, where he served until 1965. He served as the Chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party from 1962 until 1965 and, in 1968, Mr. Doherty managed Senator Robert F. Kennedy's Presidential campaign in Indiana, helping Senator Kennedy win the Indiana Democratic primary. Since 1961, Mr. Doherty has been practicing real estate, public policy, and energy law in private practice.

Mr. Doherty also serves numerous organizations in Massachusetts. He is a Trustee at Suffolk University in Boston and a Board Member and Trustee of Malden Catholic High School. He serves on the Board for the Friends Charlestown Catholic and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He is also a member of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

To honor his contributions to a number of causes and organizations, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation named Mr. Doherty their 1998 "Irishman of the Year." That same year, the Charlestown Community Awards Committee presented Mr. Doherty with the "Unsung Hero Award" for his service to the Charlestown Community. On May 28, 2002, Mr. Doherty was honored with the "Vision of Hope" award by the John F. Kennedy Center in Charlestown, Massachusetts. This award paid tribute to Mr. Doherty and his wife Marilyn as "persons who, through selfless ef-

forts to help others and by their own exceptional example, provide a vision of hope to Massachusetts citizens."

Gerard Doherty's lifelong commitment to Massachusetts is admirable and deserving of recognition. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is fortunate to have a citizen who is involved in so many worthwhile efforts in his community. I congratulate Gerard Doherty on his extraordinary public service and I wish him continued success.

STATEMENT ON HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 153

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 27, 2003*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to explain my vote on House Resolution 153, a resolution "recognizing the public need for fasting and prayer in order to secure the blessings of Providence for the people of the United States and our Armed Forces during the conflict in Iraq and under the threat of terrorism at home".

Like all Americans, I strongly support our nation's Armed Forces and hope for the successful completion of their mission in Iraq and their safe return home. But, upon taking the oath of office, each Member of Congress has sworn to uphold the Constitution. As such, we must carefully differentiate the intent of the resolution we vote on from its language.

House Resolution 153 has the laudatory goal of protecting our troops and our citizens from harm. But, despite the sponsor's intentions, the actual language calling for prayer and fasting and asking for the intercession of Providence violates, in my view, our Constitutional obligation to respect the separation between church and state.

The resolution may reflect the religious views of some of our citizens as well as some of our Members. But, it may also offend the religious views of others and, consequently, be divisive rather than unifying—a concern clearly anticipated by our Constitution. Thus, I cannot vote yes in support of the resolution.

HONORING SUSAN BOWLER

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 27, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Susan Bowler of Craig, Colorado. Susan is the public health nurse manager at the Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association, an organization that serves the health care needs of Routt and Moffat counties. Susan has done much to improve the lives of others in her community, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize that service and the important role she fills in her community before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Susan grew up in an Air Force family and got her first exposure to medicine in hospitals all over the world. She began working with infants in Thailand at local orphanages as a teenager and made infant care a career after

receiving her nursing degree. Susan came to Craig in 1992 after 12 years working with newborns in California, ready to retire. Instead, a friend inspired her to join Visiting Nurses. Now Susan is facing the challenges of public health head-on, meeting the needs of the local community. VNA operates programs for child immunization, nursing services to jail inmates, nutrition, and even contributes to Moffat County's response to potential bioterror attacks. Susan and her staff play an invaluable role in maintaining the health of the citizens of northwest Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, the role of a public health official is full of challenges and opportunities, and it is a great privilege to salute Susan Bowler before this body of Congress and this Nation for her willingness to take on those challenges. Her dedication to addressing the health care needs of Moffat and Routt counties is an inspiration to others and an immense benefit to her community.

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING  
GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 26, 2003*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Resolution 57. I strongly support the goals and the ideals of "National Runaway Prevention Month."

It shocks me, that every year, it is estimated that up to 2.8 million youths in America are living on the street. In my home state of Texas, more than 100,000 children between the age of seven and 17 run away from home each year. This shocking amount indicates that there is a significant need for resources and outreach programs that effect this population. Runaway children have families, friends, and carry a despondence so great that they feel they can no longer stay in their homes.

We need to take action and prevent teens running away from becoming commonplace in our country. Many family related problems and pressure cause teens to leave home.

This is a problem that is not limited to any class or racial group. Millions of homes and families are involved. This is a national and community problem. We are obligated to stand up for the frustrated youths who are banished from the only homes they know out into the street. Many of these runaways have been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused.

Imagine a child, who feels so alone in their world and feels their only option is to live in the street. The pain and loneliness they feel only creates a negative cycle, which leads to depression, isolation, and desperation. We need to place an emphasis and value on the community services that can reach out and help these youths. If no help is given, how can we expect the youth to turn around their life and get back on track? A runaway teen does not have an easy life, and often turn to drugs or prostitution to simply survive.

I am proud to stand here today and speak on behalf of those runaway youths whom few before me have spoken for. This is an issue that we must address and come to understand